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**ADDENDUM NO. 02**

Your reference is directed to RFx Number 3000006035 for the Invitation to Bid for the State of Louisiana – Drinking Water Analysis – LHH – Office of Public Health, which is currently scheduled to open at 10:00 a.m. (CT) on August 9, 2016

The following changes are to be made to the referenced solicitation:

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**On Attachment B - Specifications**

Add a new paragraph between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph. The new paragraph will become the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph on the document.

**NOW READS: Paragraph 2** – “The Safe Drinking Water Program (SDWP) personnel... Vendor is not responsible for collection any samples.”

**Paragraph 3** – “The vendor will be testing drinking water collected...The testing usually occurs every week, except those with extended holidays.”

**CHANGE TO READ: Paragraph 2** - “The Safe Drinking Water Program (SDWP) personnel... Vendor is not responsible for collection any samples.”

**(New) Paragraph 3** - All ice chests sent to Vendor with these samples, must be returned to the sending Regional Office within seven (7) days of receipt of samples by Vendor.

**(Now) Paragraph 4** – “The vendor will be testing drinking water collected...The testing usually occurs every week, except those with extended holidays.”

## QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM VENDOR AND ANSWERS FROM OSP

1. When is the anticipated start date for this contract?

**Answer:** Date of Award

2. The contract runs through 6/30/2017. What is the frequency of sample collection and/or the quantity of samples on a weekly or monthly basis?

**Answer: Routine Sampling:**

Samples are collected on weekly basis except for weeks affected by a holiday (Christmas, Mardi Gras, etc.) Weekly sampling consists of sampling 20-30 sites in which analysis is conducted for all Primary and Secondary Drinking Water contaminants. For completion of this analysis, 17 approved EPA methods are currently utilized.

In addition, all sources are sampled yearly for Nitrate. This sampling is confined mostly to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of the calendar year in which 100 or more samples per week can be collected.

**Special Sampling:**

In addition to routine sampling, follow up sampling is required for detections that meet or exceed half of an analyte's maximum contaminant level (MCL) with some systems being placed on quarterly monitoring after the follow up sampling. Sampling for emergency events (river spills, contamination concerns, special investigations, etc.) is also required.

3. What is meant by 'all or none' with regard to: "Award to be made on an all-or-none basis to the overall low bidder meeting the specifications. The State of Louisiana reserves the right to reject individual line items from the award."?

**Answer:** The State's intentions are to award all items to one bidder who is the overall low bidder meeting the specifications. The state reserves the right to not award any of the line items from the award.

4. What does 'per specifications' mean in the description column for each line item. For example,
  - I. Product Category 77121705 - Carbamates Phase II & V Method EPA531.2, per specifications.
  - II. Product Category 77121705 - Endothall Method EPA548.1, per specifications.

**Answer:** 'Per Specifications' : Analysis must be conducted by an EPA approved method with the minimum detection level defined for the EPA approved method being met for all analysis (40 CFR §141).

5. Can alternate methods be used or substituted when the methods are substantially the same? For example,
- I. Product Category 77121705 - Method 531.1 Carbamates instead of Method 531.2 Carbamates
  - II. Product Category 77121705 - Method 515.1 Herbicides instead of Method 515.3 (515.4) Herbicides
  - III. Product Category 77121705 - Method 508 Pesticides instead of Method 508.1 Pesticides

**Answer:** Substitutions of EPA approved methods are allowed as long as the laboratory is certified by the state of Louisiana for the substitute method. For substituted methods, the laboratory may be required to provide the sampling containers if the new method utilizes different sampling materials.

6. What is the analyte list for Product Category 77121705 - Method 525.2 ? There is a short list for this method and a longer, unregulated list for this method.

**Answer:** Method 525.2 (Gas Chromatography / Mass Spectrometry) is commonly being used to analyze:

- Di(2-EthylHexyl) Adipate
- Di(2-EthylHexyl) Phthalate
- Benzo(A) Pyrene

Method 525.2 as well as other methods could be used for analyses of other Regulated Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) that are Primary drinking water contaminants if certified by Louisiana for the particular analyte. All Primary and Secondary drinking water contaminants must be analyzed by an EPA approved method that the laboratory has been certified to use by the State of Louisiana.

7. What is the reporting limit for Product 77121705 - Arsenic Method EPA200.8? The description says: "Arsenic-low level using Method EPA200.8, per specifications."

**Answer:** The EPA detection limits are specified in 40 CFR 141.

The reporting limit is either:

- the EPA detection limit (specified in 40 CFR 141) or
- the Laboratory's minimum detection limit (MDL) if equal to or less than the EPA detection limit.

For Arsenic, the EPA detection limit is 0.0014 mg/L.

Attachment B – Specifications

1. Under Results Delivery, please clarify: "...reports must be submitted to the Department as specified within 7 days or less of completion of the analysis." What is the turnaround time required for analytical reports to be submitted to the LDHH OPH?

**Answer:** Within 7 Days of Analysis completion:

- A Final Report (.PDF **Required** / Hard Copy **Optional**) be provided which includes:
  - all analyte analysis results
  - quality control data
  - chain of custody
- An electronic migration file (.CSV) that can be migrated into SDWIS

The Final Report .PDF and Migration File .CSV can be provided via email or retrieved from the laboratory's download portal.

Analysis is expected to be completed within 14 to 21 days of sample reception.

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All else remains as on original bid.

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**THIS ADDENDUM IS HEREBY OFFICIALLY MADE A PART OF THE REFERENCED SOLICITATION.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** If you have already submitted your bid and this Addendum does not cause you to revise your bid, you should acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by identifying your business name and by signing where indicated. You may return this Acknowledgement by mail to: Office of State Purchasing, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095, by hand delivery to: 1201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ste. 2-160, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or by fax to: (225) 342-9756. The State reserves the right to request a completed Acknowledgement at any time. Failure to execute an Acknowledgement shall not relieve the proposer from complying with the terms of its proposal.

Addendum Acknowledged/No changes:

For: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

**REVISION:** If you have already submitted your proposal and this Addendum requires you to revise your proposal, you must indicate any change(s) below, identify your business name and sign where shown. Revisions shall be delivered prior to proposal opening by mail to: Office of State Purchasing, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095, or by hand delivery or courier to: 1201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ste. 2-160, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and indicate the file number and the bid opening date and time on the outside of the envelope for proper identification, or by fax to: (225) 342-9756. Electronic transmission other than by fax are not being accepted at this time

**Revisions received after proposal opening shall not be considered and you shall be held to your original proposal.**

Revision:

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